

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Office Action and the cited references have been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claims 3, 5, 7, 22 and 23 have been amended and claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8-21 have been cancelled. Claims 14-15 and 25-31 were previously cancelled. Claim 24 is unchanged by the present amendment. The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claim 24 is allowed.

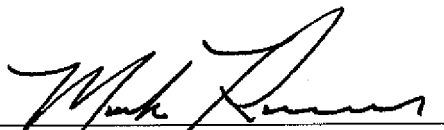
Claims 3, 5, 7, 22 and 23 depend from allowed claim 24 and are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as allowed claim 24.

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Respectfully submitted,

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